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"The Pipers", Junior Choral Group Will Sing at District Convention

In the universal language of song, Torrance will be in the limelight at the district convention of Junior Woman's Clubs to be held April 26 at the Wilton Hotel in Long Beach. Working on their convention program now are "The Pipers," Torrance Junior Woman's club choral group.

The group, which was started two years ago, last year won second place in the annual district competition and brought home an award for the club. Recently they have entered the state competition where they are vying for an opportunity to sing at the state convention of Junior Woman's Clubs.

Torrance can well be proud of this array of talent from its growing club of young matrons. In this chorus, composed of six members and directed by Mrs. Allen Hofferber, is a combination of musical trainings and backgrounds from outstanding colleges throughout the country.

The director, Mrs. Hofferber has had many and varied experiences in choral directing. She has completed a choral music course with the Paul Christiansen Choral school in Denver. She has sung in several capella choirs, the latest being the University of Southern California capella choir. Having studied piano for seven years, she had a degree in education with a music major from USC. She has directed many non-professional groups and at present is an assistant director at a Torrance church.

Mrs. Richard T. Brundin is a graduate of the MacPhail Col-

lege of music in Minneapolis and received her bachelor of music in piano and voice. For ten years she has been active in church music as an organist or director and at present is teaching piano here.

Mrs. S. Earle Paterson mastered in music at Los Angeles City college. She has studied piano for five years and voice for two years. She has sung with the Woman's Octet and a capella choir at LACC and has many years singing in church choirs.

Mrs. Sid Gans has radio and stage appearances to her credit. She served in the WACS for three years during which time she did extensive entertaining for the troops, singing the lead in the army production of "Oklahoma." She studied voice at Ohio State University and piano, voice and violin, privately. She was also a member of a small ensemble and has sung in many church choirs.

Mrs. Charles Briner attended education at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She has sung with the local Wilkes-Barre orchestra and with various choral groups.

Mrs. James Van Dyke is a graduate of Bridgeport, Texas High school and attended Kilgore Junior college in Kilgore, Texas. At Kilgore, she studied music, art and interior decora-

tions. Mrs. Van Dyke sang with the college sextet and has played French Horn and trumpet in several orchestras. Since living in the Los Angeles area, she sang six months with the L. A. Oratorio society and with several church choirs.

The Pipers have regular weekly rehearsals and are available to sing for other organizations outside their own Torrance Junior Woman's club.

Lioness Club

At their regular business meeting last Tuesday evening, the Lioness club set April 6 for the progressive dinner party at which their husbands will be guests.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Warren Hamilton, 1727 Fern Ave. Mrs. W. B. Hickcox was co-hostess. The door prize was won by Mrs. Hugh Bowman.

IN ARIZONA

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Sears and grandson, Bobby Klink, left Friday for Meza Ariz. to spend a long weekend with the Sears' daughter, Mrs. Robert Trezise and family. Occasion for the trip was the 14th birthday celebration of Leslie Jean Trezise.

BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. Helen Adams entertained her bridge club at her Crest Rd. Rolling Hills home Thursday evening of last week.

Winners in the bridge games were Mrs. Robert Lewellen Sr. and Mrs. Dean Sears.

Guests were Mrs. John Steinbaugh and Mrs. Ruby Zepp. Club members present were Mmes. J. B. Scotten, D. A. Murphy, R. S. Sleeth, Sears and Lewellen.

The club's next meeting will be held March 21 at the home of Mrs. Robert Lewellen.

PAST ORACLES CLUB

Past Oracles Club of the Torrance Royal Neighbors will hold their regular business and social meeting on Tuesday evening, March 12 at the home of Mrs. Rosy Shepherd, 807 Beech St. Following the business meeting, a social hour will be enjoyed by the members.

The president, Mrs. Doris Lydy will preside at the business meeting.



SINGING THEIR WAY TO FAME . . . are these members of "The Pipers," Torrance Junior Woman's Club choral group. These singers represent a wealth of talent and boast colorful musical backgrounds and educations from schools throughout the nation. Winning second place in last year's district competition, the group will vie for honors in state competition this year. They will sing at the district conven-

tion in Long Beach in April. Pictured at their weekly rehearsals are, from left, Mrs. Earle Peterson; at the piano, Mrs. Allen E. Hofferber, director; Mrs. C. L. Briner; Mrs. Sid Gans and at the right, Mrs. Richard Brundin. The songsters are also available for singing to organizations other than their own Torrance Junior Club. Mrs. James Van Dyke, another member, was not present for the picture.



AS THEY LOOK AT THEIR SCRAPBOOK . . . of past achievements, the new officers of the South Bay Alumnae chapter of Delta Delta assume the leadership of the group for the coming year with great enthusiasm for an outstanding record. The new officers will be installed Wednesday evening. They are Mrs. Francis Dunne, holding the book; looking on, from left, Mrs. E. B. Wilder, treasurer; Mrs. J. M. Basler, secretary; Mrs. J. D. A. Kraayeveld, vice-president; and Mrs. R. D. Holt, publicity chairman. Installation will take place at the El Segundo home of Mrs. James White. (Herald Photo)

Y-Guides Unearth Rich Gabrieleno Indian Lore in Our Bay of Smokes

By ELEANOR B. GILBERT

Little did the original Gabrieleno Indians, who once inhabited the Torrance Beach area, realize that the site of their civilization would furnish adventure and a rich source of information to the Y-Indian Guide tribe which have become their namesakes.

Accompanied by their fathers who are the "big" chiefs, the seven and eight-year old "little chiefs" of the modern Gabrieleno "tribe" go for long walks on the beach and on

the bluff above Torrance Beach. They have found a number of artifacts leading to a study of the inhabitants of this once highly populated Indian community which was one of many in the Los Angeles area.

Among the relics found by the boys are arrowheads or arrowheads, pestles, matates and manos used for grinding the acorns and seed, and fragments of hammers or axes. At the time of the Gabrielenos, Malaga Cove was part of Santa Monica Bay and included Torrance Beach.

The little chiefs learned that when the first white man sailed into Santa Monica Bay and saw the thousands of campfires of what is believed to be a larger concentration of Indians than that of any similar area in the United States at that time, Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo named it "La Bahia de los Fumos" or the Bay of Smokes. And since the white man's coming there has been no noticeable improvement in the condition so described.

FOLLOW TRADITION

Nearly all the artifacts found are broken or have been chipped. They also show evidence of having been burned. This was in keeping with the ancient Gabrielenos' practice of ceremonially "killing" the utensils and clothing of the

person who had died in order that the spirits of his belongings could be released for use in the afterworld. The body and his belongings were cremated and the remains buried together.

That this area was the most thickly settled is probably due to the ideal weather conditions. The abundance of small game, fish, seeds and acorns, which furnished their diet and which was available with little effort, has led to the belief that the Gabrielenos were indolent and lazy.

One authority, S. F. Cook, says they were capable of prolonged, directed effort when necessary to meet the demands of their life. "Yet none of these happy people worked one moment beyond the point when the actual needs of the day or the imperative duties of the season had been fulfilled. Sunbathing was a recognized and respectable occupation and basking in warm springs a luxury for which every Indian yearned." Even as it is today by his white counterpart.

The Gabrielenos also maintained an extensive system of trade and barter. There were soapstone bows and caskets from Santa Catalina Island, and shell beads from the coast have found their way into Nevada,

Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.

CREATIVE ABILITY

Their ingenuity was displayed in the closely-woven baskets which were made waterproof by spreading asphaltum over the insides by means of many small pebbles shaken within. They also closed the siphon holes of abalone shells with asphaltum to make dishes. Asphaltum comes up as an oil seepage in the Pacific Ocean a few miles off the beach area formerly known as Malaga Cove. Lumps of asphaltum were commonly found along the shore and stored in large shells.

The Gabrieleno Y-Indian Guide tribe is one of many such groups sponsored by the Torrance YMCA. In the four months of their existence other projects of the present day Gabrielenos include the making of a deer-hide tom-tom and the framing of their charter with black and white un-born calf-skin and a rough twig frame. They are spending the weekend on an overnight camping trip at Lake Elizabeth Canyon. They meet every other Monday evening at 7 p.m. in the different homes of the members.

The tribe members include T. L. Jefferson, Chief of the

Tri-Delt Alumnae To Install Officers

Members of the South Bay Alumnae of Delta Delta Delta will gather in the home of Mrs. James S. White, 877 California St., El Segundo, at 8 p.m., March 13, for the installation of new officers. Mrs. Ray Clinton will install the new president, Mrs. Francis Dunne, and her corps of

officers. Completing the executive board are: Mrs. J. D. A. Kraayeveld, vice president; Mrs. John Basler, secretary, and Mrs. Edward Wilder, treasurer.

Chairmen appointed for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Mark McKie, membership; Mrs. Walt Uptegraft and Mrs. Carl Stoffers, philanthropy; Mrs. Ronald Holt, publicity; Mrs. Webster Smith and Mrs. Keith Crown, Pan-hellenic; Mrs. Harry Jackson, fraternity education; Mrs. Cecil Sharratt, ways and means; and Mrs. Frank Washburn, historian.

Representatives to the Southern California Council of Delta Delta Delta are Mrs. Ray Clinton and Mrs. Dunne. Heading the Medical research Committee of Children's Hospital will be Mrs. James White as president, assisted by Mrs. James Cole, treasurer, and Mrs. Dunne as representative from the local chapter.

Following a chapter workshop, dessert and coffee will be served by co-hostesses Mrs. George Braham and Mrs. J. M. Basler.

DINNER GUESTS

Dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stavert, 1515 Amapola last evening were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schoeppe of Laguna Beach and the Staverts' daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harrington and Steve of Anaheim.

ESTABLISH HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Homolka who have spent the past two months with Mrs. Homolka's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bever are busy moving into their new home at 21309 Tallisman in the Southwood Homes area. Mr. Homolka was recently discharged from the United States Air Force having served four years. Mrs. Homolka is the former Joyce Bever.

Marina District's 'Table Setting' Festival Thursday

A number of Torrance club women are planning to attend the ways and means project, an "International Table Setting Festival" next Thursday March 14 at the Santa Monica Bay Women's clubhouse from 1 until 4 p.m. Mrs. Ronald H. Smith, Marina Junior's first vice president is handling the affair. Interior decorators from twenty-five leading stores in the Western Los Angeles County and Santa Monica Bay area, will display linens, silver, crystal, floral designs, furniture, centerpieces and antiques.

Ushers will be foreign exchange students from Santa Monica Bay District Senior High Schools. These young people from Greece, Norway, Turkey and other countries will be dressed in their national costumes.

Stores in the area have been most generous and there will be prize drawings every hour throughout the afternoon. The committee assisting Mrs. Smith is Mmes. James K. Lees, Torrance, District Ticket Chairman; Albert Lukes, Redondo Beach, Exchange Students; Robert Dreizler, Redondo Beach, Program Chairman; Marshall Roe, Torrance, Handicrafts.

Other committee members are Mmes. Charles Vaughn and Arthur Anderson, El Segundo; Robert Thomson, Manhattan Beach; John Davis, David Stone and Charles Smith, Playa del Rey; Ralph Riche, Redondo Beach; Jerry L. Kearn and Henry Schmidt, Santa Monica; Michael Coyne, Hawthorne; and Mmes. G. Harold Klein, Cal McIntire and James G. Stevens, Pacific Palisades.

Pre-Nuptial Shower for Bride-Elect

Miss Marilyn Brannan, whose wedding to Bill Thorson will take place March 29, was complimented at a bridal shower on Wednesday evening. Hostesses for the party, given at the Wright home, 1821 Juniper, were Mrs. Gail Wright, and Misses Joy Calloway, Jackie Connor, Dolores Cloninger.

A blue and white color scheme was used in decorating. Streamers from the chandelier were strung to the corners of the table which was centered with a blue and white bridal cake.

Games were played, after which Miss Brannan opened her gifts. The hostesses then served refreshments.

Attending the shower were Mmes. Hancine Holstrom, Mary Jean Crum, Shirley Lindquist, Dolores Trampus, Bonnie Butler, Geraldine Swank, Kay White and Gail Wright.

Others were Misses Shirley Endo, Joy Calloway, Dolores Cloninger, Jackie Connor and Julia Montgomery.

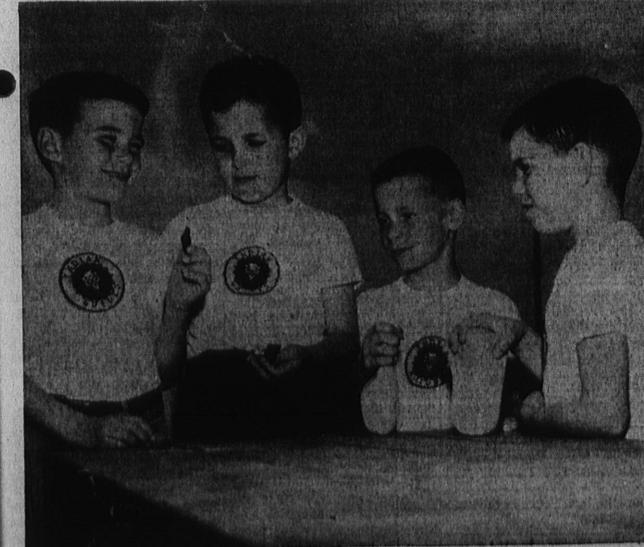
Party Honors Hugh Dooley

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dooley, 25810 Skylark Dr. entertained a group of friends and their children at a barbecue last Friday evening March 1 at their home celebrating the first birthday of their son, Hugh Mark.

A special guest at the affair was Hugh Mark's maternal grandmother, Mrs. L. A. Pascoe of Oklahoma City who is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Dooley.

After the barbecue supper, the birthday cake holding one candle was served.

Attending the party were Mr. and Mrs. Francis Lowery and Stevie; Mr. and Mrs. Byron McKibbin and Tom, Carol and David; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Green and Mike, Melonee, Steve and Susie; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Walner, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holder, Paula, Johnny and Betty Lou; Mrs. Helen Wieman and Kay; Mr. and Mrs. Carol Davis and Faye and Kathy.



TREASURES OF LONG AGO . . . Which belonged to the area's first residents, the Gabrieleno Indians, are providing a wealth of information and interest for the Indian Y-Guides sponsored by the YMCA. This group of boys and their fathers have found numerous items which unfold a romantic story of the first inhabitants of the Torrance Beach, which was named by Cabrillo, "The Bay of Smokes." Pictured here holding some arrowheads, utensils and other Indian lore are Y-Guides, from left, Stuart Young, 7, Edward Perry, 9, Steven Rocky, 8, and Michael Jefferson, 7. (Herald Photo)